UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Civil Action No. 04 11598WGY

HARVEY STEWART Plaintiff

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ANTHONY J. PRINCIPI, SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF **VETERANS AFFAIRS** Defendant

ASSENTED TO MOTION TO CONTINUE THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION HEARING

Now comes the Plaintiff, Harvey Stewart, with the assent of the Defendant, Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and hereby moves the Court to continue to continue the Alternative Dispute Resolution Hearing in the above-captioned matter to May 25, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. As good cause therefor, the Plaintiff, Harvey Stewart, states that he will be out of state on May 16, 2005, the date originally scheduled for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Hearing. In accordance with Local Rule 7.1(a)(2), the undersigned conferred with Defendant's counsel and the Defendant assents to this request and the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties request that this motion be granted and that the Alternative Dispute Resolution Hearing be rescheduled to May 25, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY STEWART, By his Attorney,

/s/ Scott W. Lang

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Dated: April 22, 2005

Assented to by:

ANTHONY J. PRINCIPI, SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, By his Attorney,

/s/ Barbara Healy Smith

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Dated: April 22, 2005

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(2)

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(a)(2), the undersigned counsel certifies that on April 21, 2005, his associate, Attorney Jennifer Davis, conferred with Defendant's counsel regarding the grounds for and relief requested by this motion and the Defendant assents to both.

/s/ Scott W. Lang Scott W. Lang, Esquire